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 Medical uses thereof )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the attached new patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

a/ Subt C2  
~~---12(New). A cross-linked hyaluronic acid according to Claim 3 wherein the hydroxy groups are sulphated or hemisuccinylated.---~~

~~---13(New). A cross-linked hyaluronic acid according the Claim 3 in gel, semi-solid or solid form.---~~

Subt C3  
~~---14(New). A metal complex of a cross-linked hyaluronic acid according to Claim 3 in which the metal is selected from zinc, copper and iron.---~~

~~---15(New). Pharmaceutical compositions useful as (a) substitutes for synovial fluid in the treatment of osteoarthritic conditions and for vitreous humor in the treatment of pathologies~~